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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

### (UNLIMITED JURISDICTION)

Judicial Council Coordinating Proceeding Nos. 4221, 4224, 4226 & 4228

#### [PROPOSED] ORDER OVERRULING **DEMURRERS AND DENYING** MOTION TO STRIKE

Date: August 23, 2005 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Dept.: 71

Judge: Hon. Ronald S. Prager Coordination Trial Judge

Defendants' Demurrer to Claims for Unfair Competition and Unjust 1 Enrichment ("Defendants' Demurrer"), Defendants' Motion to Strike Requests for Monetary 2 Relief Under Claims for Unfair Competition and Unjust Enrichment ("Defendants" 3 Alternative Motion To Strike"), and Defendant Kathleen Zanaboni's Demurrer to Master 4 Class Action Complaint and Individual Complaints (the "Zanaboni Demurrer") came on for 5 hearing on August 23, 20005 at 10:00 a.m.1 The parties' appearances are as noted on the 6 reporter's transcript of the hearing. Having considered the moving, opposing, reply, and sur-7 reply papers filed by the parties, the authorities cited therein, and the arguments of counsel 8 9 presented at the hearing, Defendants' Demurrer is OVERRULED, and Defendants' Alternative Motion to Strike is DENIED, for the reasons stated in the Court's August 22, 10 2005 tentative ruling, and the Zanbomi Demurrer is OVERRULED, for the reasons stated in 11 the Court's August 22, 2005 tentative ruling. 12 All defendants in the Price Indexing Cases who have not filed motions to 13 quash or additional demurrers that have not yet been ruled upon are ordered to answer the 14 complaints within 15 days of the date of this order. 15 APPROVED AS TO FORM: 16 17 /s/ Barry R. Himmelstein 18 By: Barry R. Himmelstein William Bernstein 19 Joseph R. Saveri Barry R. Himmelstein 20 Eric B. Fastiff Daniel E. Barenbaum 21 LIEFF, CABRASER, HEIMANN & BERNSTEIN, LLP 22 Embarcadero Center West 275 Battery Street, 30th Floor

As set forth in the Stipulation and Order Re Briefing Schedule On Motions to Quash and Affiliate Demurrers entered on June 17, 2005, Part III of the Zanaboni Demurrer will be heard at a later date.

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21	IT IS SO ORDERED.		
22	II IS SO ORDERED.		Dulh D
23	Dated: September Z, 2005		TWWW I
24	Dated: September Z, 2003		Hon. Ronald S. Prager
25			Coordination Trial Judge
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